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Dear Professor Raikin:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 8, 1969.

As to identifying myself, I presume that you are asking what my interest in this matter is and I fully understand your reasons for doing so. My interest is purely a personal one, being a private citizen who, having heard and read much about the Kennedy Assassination, decided to do a little research on my own. I purchased a set of the twenty-six volumes of the "Warren Report" and as I read through them, I began to write letters of inquiry to some of those involved, in order to clear up certain points which I did not fully understand. Your TAS report concerning Lee Harvey Oswald was one such point.

I noted in your report which is designated as CE-2655 (copy enclosed), that it is stated that Oswald was apparently believed to have been stationed at the American Embassy, Moscow and still a member of the Marine Corps. This seemed a bit strange to me, because there exist other evidence which indicates that Oswald was discharged from the Marine Corps prior to leaving for the Soviet Union. In addition, I could find no evidence to indicate that he was in any way connected officially with the American Embassy in Moscow. This was what prompted me to write you, in the hopes that you might be able to shed some light on the subject. I was wondering if Lee Oswald had given you this information or if it was obtained from one of the several government agencies?

It has been my experience, that a number of persons with whom I have corresponded seemed to be concerned about speaking freely on the topics I have interest in. I would therefore like to assure you that I do not anticipate the publishing of any book, newspaper or magazine articles, or

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any other form of public communication and that it is not my intention to place anyone " on the spot " so to speak. I would very much like to have this subject cleared-up and would appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Emory L Brown, Jr.

Enclosures: CE-2655 (2 pages)
CD-1230 (1 page)

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